State-wise survey of wastelands has been conducted. However, it is estimated that the extent of waste lands in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is as follows:—

	Total Area of Wastelands (in lakh hectares)
Uttar Pradesh	80.61
Bihar	54.58

[*Translation*]

Atrocities on SCs/STs

6161. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the killings of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country has continuously been increasing:

(b) the number of persons belonging to each of the said categories killed during the last three years;

(c) whether instructions for taking special measures have been issued to the States to check such killings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). The total number of SCs and STs persons killed by non-SCs/STs in the country during last three years are given below:—

Year	*Persons Killed*	
	Scheduled Castes	*Scheduled Tribes*
1988	579	119
1989	556	96
1990	548	120

(c) and (d). The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 has been passed to prevent commission of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Act Provides for stringent punishments. Special Courts have been specified/set up for speedy trial of cases of atrocities under the Act. The Act provides for relief and rehabilitation to the victims of atrocities. The Government of India shares the cost of the implementation of both the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 with the State Governments on 50:50 sharing basis. The Government has issued detailed guidelines covering precautionary, preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to State Governments to check crimes against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. On 31.8.1991 Prime Minister wrote to all Chief Minister to personally ensure that the administrative machinery in the States is so geared up that atrocities do not recur and if there is any lapse within the administration, strict action must be taken against those who failed in their duty.

[*English*]

Improvement in the Conditions of Homeopathy Colleges

6162. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Homeopathic Council has taken any steps to improve the conditions of those Homeopathic collages in which standard of education is very low;

(b) whether the Government propose to close all such collages where standard of education is very low; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Central Council undertakes inspection of homeopathy colleges from time to time and the concerned Universities/States Councils, Colleges and States Governments are informed of the insufficiencies observed in such collages for compliance and comments, if any. The inspection reports are also supplied to the affiliating bodies such as University/State Council and the State/UT for taking remedial steps and to rectify the insufficiencies pointed out by the Medical Inspectors. The Council also interacts with the affiliating authorities to impress upon them the need to provide minimum requirements and other facilities in homeopathy colleages.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. Under the Homeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 there is no specific provision for closing down homeopathy colleges on the ground that standard of education is very low. However, the Central Council does not recognise the qualifications awarded by Sub-standard institutions which do not provide for sufficient standards and infrastructural facilities. The Central Council also interacts with the State/UTs with a view to persuading them not to allow opening of new homeopathy colleges which do not meet the minimum requirements and norms.

[*Translation*]

Filling up of reserved post of Vice-Principals

6164: SHRI MOHANLAL JHIKRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received by the Ministry and the Education Department of Delhi Administration from various organisations since 1983 against not filling up the post of Vice-Principals reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes since December, 1983;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct special recruitment drive for filling up the reserved posts from time to time;

(c) whether the Government propose to send the copies of the advertisements to the recognised Associations of SCs and STs to fill up the reserved posts; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since under the relevant recruitment rules the posts of Vice Principal are to be filled up only by promotion on selection basis from the Post Graduate Teachers, the question of a special recruitment does not arise.

(c) & (d). Do not arise.

Old Age Pension to Persons in U.P

6165. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state: